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New Design for Planted Median at Rutledge Avenue and Calhoun Street

The City of Charleston unveiled the plans for a new design project for the median at Rutledge Avenue and Calhoun Street. The project is a continuation of the Rutledge Avenue two-way conversion and will redesign the current crosswalk and median. The new landscaped planted median will be installed at the south side of the Rutledge Avenue and Calhoun Street intersection. It will cover roughly the area that is currently a yellow painted median just adjacent to Cannon Park.

The new planted median will greatly improve this intersection that is so close to beautiful Cannon Park. The triangular planted median will be approximately 3,900 sf, contain granite curbing and significant pedestrian and landscape improvements. An accessible sidewalk within the planted median will provide for safer pedestrian crossing at Rutledge Avenue. New street lighting within the planted median will also increase visibility at night and new accessible ramps will be installed on the east and west ends of Rutledge Avenue. The Charleston Parks Conservancy will be partnering with the City of Charleston on the extensive landscaping within the planted median. The Charleston Parks Conservancy will also be heavily involved with planning, installing and maintaining of the design and showcase landscaping of this project.

The City of Charleston is currently advertising for construction bids and pending SCDOT encroachment approvals plans to begin construction before the end of the year. Construction is anticipated to last 45 days.

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